(iii) Uneconomic prices especially in the case of commodities under administered prices such as coal, fertilizer etc., and

(iv) Labour unrest.

Discovery of coal reserve in Eastern India

2658. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new site of coal reserves has been discovered recently in Eastern India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to develop the said site and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Geological Survey of India has recently located coal deposits in the following areas:

West Bengal: Dramsajoy Coalfields Dholka areas Pachimideocha, Deuuamgamanj, Harimsingha.

Bihar: Eastern Bokaro Coalfield, Kaiyotaak, Gomia, Saram and Dhari, South Karanpura Tokisud.

Orissa: Talcher Coalfields, Kosla.

Regional exploration in these areas has been taken up.

Allocation of funds to small scale industry for production of synthetic fibres

@2659. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to allocate funds to small scale industry for the production of synthetic fibres under the liberalised licensing policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

@Previously Unstarred Question 2259 transferred from the 10th December, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Synthetic fibre industry is capital intensive and an economically viable unit cannot be set up in small scale sector.

Orders received by Burn and Company etc.

2660. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of orders (in terms of tonnage and of rupees) received by the Burn and Company and Burn Standard Company since 1980 from different Central Government sources;

(b) what is the share of Indian Railways to these orders; and

(c) the total volume of orders (in terms of tonnage and of rupees) received by the small-scale industries of Howrah during the last three years from different Central Government sources and the share of Indian Railways thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Sachar Committee on Companies Act

2661. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government propose to implement the recommendations relating to the Companies Act made by the Sachar Committee;

(b) whether Government propose to delegate the powers to the regional offices of the Company Law Board in matters like appointment/re-appointment of managerial personnel; and

(c) whether Government propose to dispense with the requirements as regards publishing the information in respect of

salaries, etc., of employees under Section 217(2A) of the Companies Act in view of the shortage of printing paper and the mounting cost of printing; or whether Government propose to increase the limit of Rs. 3,000 per month or Rs. 36,000/- per annum stipulated in this regard when the limits for the purpose of Bonus, ESI, PF etc. have been recently revised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government is in the process of finalising its views on Sachar Committee's recommendations relating to Companies Act, 1956.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No proposal for dispensing with requirement as regards publishing information in respect of salaries etc. of employees under Section 217 (2A) of Companies Act, 1956 is presently under consideration of Government. The suggestion in regard to increase of existing limit of Rs. 3,000 per month is under consideration of Government alongwith other suggestions for amendment of Companies Act and proposals in this behalf have not been finalised.

Industrial units set up by industrial houses

2662. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small industrial units set up by the big industrial houses and foreign firms in the country to take the advantages/special benefits for the small scale sectors during the last two years; and

(b) the steps contemplated by Government to remove the legal lacuna in this regard and to safeguard the interests of the small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). In terms of Government Notification of 16th February, 1973, setting up of a small scale undertaking with investment in plant and machinery not exceeding the prescribed limits is exempted from the licensing provisions of the I (D&R) Act, 1951. However, this exemption is not available, if such a small scale unit is a subsidiary of, or owned or controlled by any other undertaking. In view of this provision, setting up of a small scale unit by any other undertaking without obtaining an industrial licence would attract the penal provisions of the I (D&R) Act. Such small scale undertakings which are not eligible for exemption from licensing are also not eligible for the special concessions/incentives available under various schemes announced by the Government intended for protection or development of small scale units. This policy has been specifically brought to the notice of the State Governments for implementation. As the small scale units are registered by the State Governments, information on the number of such units which might have been set up by big industrial houses or foreign firms is not centrally maintained.

News Item Captioned "Top posts in public sector go abegging"

2663. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the *Economic Times* dated the 3rd September, 1985, captioned, "Top posts in public sector go abegging";

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the tenure management posts at the top for shorter periods fail to attract talent; and

(d) what effective measures Government propose to take to fill up all the vacant posts in the public sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.